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Man Indicted on Child Pornography Charges

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- Kathleen M. Mehlretter, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced today that a Federal grand Jury in Rochester has returned a four count Indictment charging **ANTHONY C. HOWE, SR.**, 45, of Newark, New York, with Receiving and Possessing Child Pornography. The Receipt of Child Pornography Counts are punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 40 years imprisonment, while the Possession of Child Pornography Count is punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, and a maximum period of 20 years imprisonment. Each count is also punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who will handle the trial of the case, stated that the Indictment charges the defendant with three counts of knowingly receiving child pornography, and one count of knowingly possessing material that contained images of child pornography.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the United States Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, and the Newark Police Department.

The defendant will be arraigned before the Honorable Marion W. Payson in United States Magistrates Court.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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